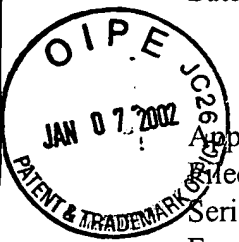


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request that the present application be amended as indicated below:

In the Specification

On page 6, line 14, please insert the word "by" between the words "determined" and "an initialization".

On page 6, line 19, please replace the phrase "form on constrained" with the phrase --form of constrained--.

On page 6, line 22, please replace the phrase "an user's" with the phrase --a user's--.

On page 6, line 34, please replace the word "includes" with --include--.

On page 7, line 27, please replace the phrase "Fig. 8." With --Fig. 7.-- .

On page 9, line 17, please replace the word "bellow" with --below-- .

On page 14, line 31, please replace the phrase "REPY" with --REPLY-- .

On page 17, line 14, please replace the phrase "are response" with --a response--.

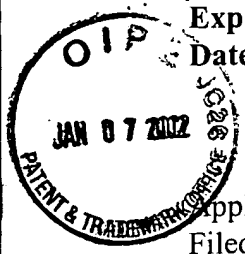
On page 24, line 22, please replace the phrase "are no" with --is no--.

On page 26, line 28, please replace the phrase "If there is" with --If there are--.

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Sir: TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application please find the following listed items:

- [X] Preliminary Amendment;
- [X] Check in the amount of \$168.00 (11300) for extra independent claims;
- [X] Marked up version of replacement pages of specification;
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In connection with the foregoing matter, please charge any additional fees which may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0311, Reference 18343-035.
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